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WA192038 THIRD ADD WA191935 (HOC TAP ON SOUTHERN REVOLUTION)
XXX TROOPS OPPOSING THIEU.

(TEXT) NGUYEN VAN THIEU CAN ONLY RELY ON U.S. SUPPORT AND BACKING. HOWEVER, THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS ARE ENCOUNTERING UNPRECEDENTED, GREAT DIFFICULTIES AT HOME AND ABROAD: THE INTERNAL RANKS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE SERIOUSLY DIVIDED, INFLATION IS SPIRALING, THE ECONOMY IS IN A STATE OF RECESSION, THE DANGER OF A GRAVE ECONOMIC CRISIS IS THREATENING THE UNITED STATES, U.S. PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD ARE DECLINING, ETC.

THE FACT THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS REDUCED BY ONE-HALF THE MILITARY AID, REQUESTED BY THE PENTAGON FOR THIEU IN THE 1974-1975 FISCAL YEAR, AND BY 20 PERCENT THE ECONOMIC AID COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, CLEARLY REFLECTS THE DIFFICULT, MULTIFACETED SITUATION NOW CONFRONTING THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. IN SUCH A SITUATION, IT IS CERTAIN THAT NO MATTER HOW STUBBORN THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS MAY BE, THEY MUST CAREFULLY PONDER WHETHER THEY SHOULD JUMP IN TO SAVE SOMEONE WHO IS ABOUT TO DROWN, JUST TO SINK INTO DISTRESS AND FAILURE WITH HIM. MOREOVER, THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS HAVE EXPERIENCED MANY BITTER SETBACKS IN YEARS PAST IN VIETNAM.

AT A TIME WHEN THE THIEU REGIME HAS ENCOUNTERED CUMULATIVE DIFFICULTIES, SUFFERED INCREASINGLY GREATER SETBACKS AND HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY WEAKENED, THE FORCES OF THE SOUTHERN REVOLUTION HAVE BEEN COMPREHENSIVELY STRENGTHENED AND DEVELOPED EVER MORE STEADFASTLY.

THE THREE TROOP CATEGORIES IN THE LIBERATION ARMED FORCES ARE BEING DEVELOPED AND CONSOLIDATED AND STRENGTHENED QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY: THEIR MORALE, EQUIPMENT AND COMBAT TACTICS AND TECHNIQUE HAVE BEEN IMPROVED. ALL THREE TROOP CATEGORIES HAVE FOUGHT WELL. THE REGULAR FORCES OF THE LIBERATION ARMY NOT ONLY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT THE WELL TRAINED UNITS OF THE PUPPET REGULAR FORCES IN AND OUTSIDE THEIR FORTIFIED STRONGHOLD COMPLEXES, BUT ALSO TO FIRMLY MAINTAIN AND EXPAND VITAL AREAS. THE LOCAL FORCES AND GUERRILLAS IN MANY AREAS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DESTROY OR FORCE THE SURRENDER OR EVACUATION OF SCORES OF POSTS, TO WIN OVER THE PEOPLE, AND TO GAIN MASTERSHIP OVER VAST AREAS UNDER THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION'S TEMPORARY CONTROL.

THE LIBERATED ZONE OF THE PRG HAS BEEN EXPANDED, AND MANY ADDITIONAL VAST, WELL ORGANIZED AREAS HAVE TAKEN SHAPE AND HAVE BEGUN TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVELY. PRODUCTION HAS BEEN BOOSTED. THE CULTIVATED AREA IN 1974 INCREASED RAPIDLY COMPARED WITH 1973. THE RECLAIMING OF WASTELAND HAS BEEN INTENSIVELY DEVELOPED, AND VERY GOOD RESULTS HAVE BEEN ATTAINED. FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE PEOPLE IN THE LIBERATED AREAS HAVE RECLAIMED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HECTARES OF RICEFIELDS. A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL AND HANDICRAFTS BRANCHES, SUCH AS THE EXPLOITING INDUSTRY (COONG NGHIEEPJ KHAI THACS), REPAIR INDUSTRY, PROCESSING INDUSTRY AND SO FORTH, HAVE BEGUN TO DEVELOP. THE PEOPLE IN VARIOUS AREAS HAVE BEGUN TO PRODUCE VARIOUS TYPES OF CONSUMER GOODS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE'S DAILY LIFE. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK, WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED RAPIDLY EVERYWHERE WITH THOUSANDS OF KILOMETERS OF AUTOMOBILE ROADS, HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN COMPREHENSIVELY STRENGTHENING THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, BOOSTING PRODUCTION AND IMPROVING THE PEOPLE'S DAILY LIFE.

CULTURAL, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY DEVELOPED. MORE THAN 170,000 STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTHERN LIBERATED AREAS. IN THE 5TH REGION ALONE, THERE ARE 118 HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES WITH THOUSANDS OF SICK BEDS. THE CULTURAL AND LITERARY AND ARTISTIC MOVEMENT IS ALSO BEING DEVELOPED. SECURITY AND ORDER HAVE ALSO BEEN FURTHER CONSOLIDATED. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE DAILY LIFE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE LIBERATED AREAS HAS BEEN STABILIZED AND HAS BEGUN TO BE IMPROVED IN VARIOUS AREAS, AND THE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY, HEALTHY, HIGH-MINDED AND ENTHUSIASTIC.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE LIBERATED AREAS IS PRODUCING A STRONG EFFECT ON THE AREAS UNDER THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION'S TEMPORARY CONTROL. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE TEMPORARILY CONTROLLED AREAS HAVE STRUGGLED TO RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE VILLAGES IN THE LIBERATED AREAS TO EARN A LIVING. THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREAS UNDER THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION'S TEMPORARY CONTROL HAS CONTINUED TO DEVELOP WITH A NEW QUALITY; THEIR RANKS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY NUMEROUS, SLOGANS AND FORMS OF STRUGGLE HAVE BEEN FURTHER IMPROVED, STRUGGLE IMPETUS IS STRONG, AND THE NATURE OF THEIR OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN REFLECTED EVER MORE CLEARLY. ON THE BASIS OF THE MASSES' STRUGGLE MOVEMENT, REVOLUTIONARY POWER HAS BEEN DEVELOPED RAPIDLY AND STEADFASTLY. OBVIOUSLY, THE REVOLUTIONARY POSITION AND STRENGTH IN THE AREAS UNDER THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION'S TEMPORARY CONTROL ARE BEING DEVELOPED VIGOROUSLY. (MORE) GRANGER
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